MODIFIED PTO/SB/08a (05-07)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

	Approved for use through 11/30/2007.
Application Number	10/691,575
Confirmation Number	6941
Filing Date	October 24, 2003
First Named Inventor	Katsuya SAKAGUCHI
Art Unit	2617
Examiner Name	Wesley Leo Kim
 Attorney Docket Number	Q78019

	U.S. PATENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Patent Number	Kind Code ¹	Issue Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	

	U.S. PATENT APPLICATION PUBLICATIONS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Publication Number	Kind Code ¹	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Foreign Document Number ³	Country Code ²	Kind Code⁴	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁵
	1	9-252337	JP	Α	1997-09-22			N
	2	2002-141985	JP	Α	2002-05-17			N

	NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Т ⁵			

EXAMINER SIGNATURE				
Examiner Signature	Date Considered			

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.USPTO.GOV or MPEP 901.04. 2 Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 3 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 4 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 5 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.